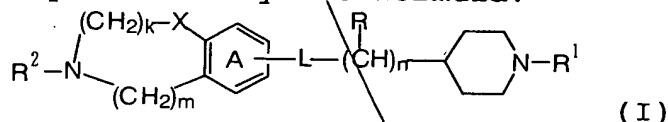
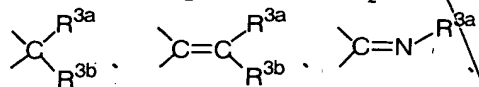


ABSTRACT

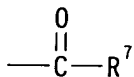
A nitrogen-containing condensed heterocyclic derivative of the present invention, which is a compound represented by the formula:



wherein ring A represents benzene ring optionally having a further substituent, -L- represents -O-, -NR^{3a}-, -S-, -SO-, -SO₂-, -SO₂NR^{3a}-, -SO₂NHCONR^{3a}-, -SO₂NHC(=NH)NR^{3a}-, -C(=S)-,



or -CONR^{3a}- (wherein R^{3a} and R^{3b} represent independently hydrogen atom, cyano group, hydroxy group, amino group, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group), n represents an integer of 0 to 6, R is hydrogen atom or a hydrocarbon group optionally having a substituent, and may be different in repetition of n, R¹ represents a hydrocarbon group optionally having a substituent or a group represented by the formula:



(wherein R⁷ represents a hydrocarbon group optionally having a substituent), R² represents hydrogen atom, an acyl group, a hydrocarbon group optionally having a substituent or a heterocyclic group optionally having a substituent, X represents a bond, O, S, SO, SO₂ or NR⁴ (wherein R⁴ represents hydrogen atom, an acyl group or a hydrocarbon group optionally having a substituent), k and m represent independently an integer of 0 to 5, and 1 < k+m < 5, or a salt thereof, and the like, has an excellent thermal production promoting activity and the like, and is useful as an agent for preventing or treating obesity and obesity-based diseases.

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